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1. (Twice Amended) A bicycle control device for holding a computer switch having an operation control button with an outer periphery having a shape, the device comprising: a top surface defining a recess therein, wherein the operation control button is movable within the recess, and wherein the recess has a shape which conforms to the shape of the outer periphery of the operation control button.

## REMARKS

Applicant thanks Examiner Smith for taking the time to interview the case. As discussed, it is believed that the language "the operation control button is <u>movable</u> within the recess" combined with "wherein the recess has a shape which <u>conforms</u> to the outer periphery of the operation control button" distinguishes over Abe. The only portions of Abe which are <u>movable</u> within the recess are buttons 35 and 36. The recess 23 does not have a shape that <u>conforms</u> to the shape of the outer periphery of buttons 35 and 36.

Please give me a call to further discuss the case.

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